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**TRANSCRIPT**

**EPA/Loss Scenario -- Tobacco States**

IN JUNE A GROUP OF TOBACCO GROWERS AND BUSINESSES FILED SUIT AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, ASKING THAT THE EPA'S REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE BE DECLARED NULL AND VOID. THE EPA WAS CHARGED WITH MANIPULATING SCIENTIFIC DATA AND OVERSTEPPING ITS REGULATORY AUTHORITY. FRED BOND IS WITH THE FLUE-CURED TOBACCO COOPERATIVE STABILIZATION CORPORATION, A PLAINTIFF IN THE SUIT.

"Without question, the EPA's report jeopardizes the future of tens-of-thousands of tobacco farmers. The EPA can not be allowed to continue making public policy decisions based on politics rather than science."

A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT RULED IN FAVOR OF THE EPA'S MOTION CLAIMING IMMUNITY FROM JUDICIAL REVIEW. THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY ROBERT WEBER.

"The court's ruling is strictly technical in nature. If and when we can force EPA to face the merits of our case in court, we're confident that EPA's conduct will be exposed for what it is, predetermined EPA policy and not sound science."

I'M JAMES HILL.

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